

EXCLUSIVE TOUR

# CLASSIC CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR 2026

Monday 23rd March - Sunday 5th April 2026

From \$11,200 Per Person Twin Share



# TOUR DESCRIPTION



13 Nights / 14 Days

Begins: Monday 23 March 2026 in Tokyo Ends: Sunday 5th April 2026 in Kyoto



# Inclusions



Daily Breakfast, 9 Lunches & 3 Dinners



13 nights in quality accommodations



Tour Leader & Local Japanese guides



Transfers, trains, tours and entrance fees listed on the tour



Forwarding of one item of luggage on 2 occasions

Exclusions: International or domestic airfares / Entrance fees, meals & beverages not shown in itinerary

# Highlights

Highlight! Enjoy Tokyo's outstanding sites against a stunning backdrop of Mt. Fuji

**Highlight!** Spend a day in Kyoto - renowned for its Nishiki food market, malls and temples and shrines

Highlight!

Take part in a unique **sword forging** experience.

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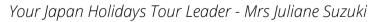
from your room in Hakone and experience a traditional kaiseki dinner

Highlight! Learn about each area with our expert local guides who were born and raised in the areas they guide you.

Highlight!

See the famous Miyako Odori **Geisha performance** in Kyoto. Highlight! Experience the speed and efficiency of Japan's shinkansen in the comfort of the 1st Class Green carriage!







Juliane spent almost 20 years living and working in Japan as an interpreter before moving back to Australia in 2015 and joining the Japan Holidays team. Travelling extensively throughout Japan and living in difference regions of the country with her Japanese husband and bi-cultural children has given Juliane a really unique insight into this culture and lifestyle that few foreigners get to experience. Juliane loves being able to utilise her language skills and share her knowledge of Japan with clients to ensure they have the best possible experience during their time in Japan.

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# ITINERARY

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### 23rd March - 5th April 2026

#### 1 TOKYO Arrival

Arrive at Tokyo's Narita or Haneda International Airport. After clearing customs, you'll be met by a meet n' greet assistant who will escort you to a shared shuttle bus to your hotel. Upon arrival at the hotel, your Japan Holidays' Tour Leader, Juliane Suzuki, will be there to greet you and help settle you in. Juliane will remain with you for the entire tour.

Accommodation: The Gate Hotel Tokyo (4 nights)

# **7** Full Day TOKYO

Today we have a Full Day Tour of Tokyo with our local expert guide to show us all the must-see sights and some hidden gems as well. We use public transport today, so bring your walking shoes, as we will get our steps in today!

This evening Japan Holidays will host a **Welcome Dinner** at a local restaurant.

#### **3** Full Day KAMAKURA

Today we visit the ancient Capital of Kamakura for a Full Day Tour. We visit the historical sites and a serene bamboo grove to revitalise ourselves with an authentic cup of warm Matcha with traditional Japanese sweets. After lunch, we have some time to walk the local shopping street for some great souvenirs before we visit the Great Buddha and then make our way back to Tokyo in the comfort of our private bus.

# 4 Morning Tour TOKYO

With so much to see and do in Tokyo, we've added another morning tour with one of our expert local guides. The afternoon will be spent at your leisure or shopping till you drop.

Note: Your main suitcase will be forwarded to Nagoya this evening, so pack some essentials in your carry-on bag for 1 night/2 days.

#### TOKYO to HAKONE

This morning we travel to the hot springs town of Hakone, via **bullet train**, where we will have 1 night to enjoy the area and gaze upon the iconic **Mt Fuji**. Our Ryokan is situated right on Lake Ashi, giving you a view of the magnificent mountain from your room! After dropping our bags, we will walk in the footsteps of merchants, lords and princesses along the Old Cedar path in Hakone, which is part of the route that connected Kyoto & Tokyo (Edo) during the Edo period. We will also visit Hakone Shrine and there will be time to shop for local souvenirs as well. Tonight, we enjoy a traditional Kaiseki dinner.

Accommodation: Ryokan Ryuguden, Lake Ashi Hakone (1 night)

#### HAKONE to NAGOYA

Today we get to explore more of Hakone with our **Private guide** via chartered bus. A private tour of Owakudani, the volcanic area with magic views of Mt Fuji, followed by lunch and finally a wonderful demonstration of how the unique puzzle boxes of Hakone are made. Late afternoon, we then make our way to Nagoya via bullet train.

Accommodation: Nikko Style Nagoya (1night)

# Tokyo











#### Kamakura









#### Cedar Avenue





Mt Fuji View!!!!!









#### NAGOYA to TAKAYAMA

Today we have the unique opportunity to visit Seki, known as the City of Blades because this is where knifes and swords have been made for over 800 years. We take part in a sword forging experience and you'll have the opportunity to buy some great knifes from the manufacturer!! We arrive in Takayama early afternoon, where we have time to explore.

Accommodation: Takayama Associa Hotel (1 night)

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Seki - City of Blades



Takayama - "little Kyoto"

#### Q GOKAYAMA to KANAZAWA

This morning we will visit the morning markets, then travel via chartered bus to Kanazawa visiting ,the World Heritage Village of Shirakawa-go, famous for its unique Gassho-zukuri styled farmhouses. After lunch we visit the quieter Gokayama and try our hands at traditional paper 'washi' making before going to Kanazawa.

Accommodation: MyStays Premier Kanazawa (2 nights)

# Shirakawa-go





# KANAZAWA

Our guide will take us on a tour of the must see sights in Kanazawa via chartered bus. Enjoy a relaxing day exploring historical Kanazawa Castle precinct, the enchanting Kenrokuen Garden, Higashi-chaya Geisha district and a quiet zen temple. One of the finest landscape gardens in Japan, Kenrokuen will be bursting with Cherry Blossoms for spectacular photos!

Note: Suitcases will be forwarded to Kyoto this evening.







# 10 KANAZAWA to KYOTO

This morning we make our way to Kyoto. There is some free time to explore the local markets and shop before we watch the famous Miyako Odori, a traditional dance performance by geiko and maiko. This is truly a memorable experience.

Accommodation: Hotel Intergate Shijo Shinmachi (4 nights)





## **11 KYOTO**

Our Day Tour of Kyoto by private bus includes all the must-see locations in Kyoto from the iconic temples of **Kiyomizudera** and the Golden pavilion of **Kinkakuji** to the beautifully preserved streets around Ninenzaka and the tranquil rock garden of Ryoanji. All surrounded by magnificent cherry blossoms, it's truly a beautiful day!!





#### **KURASHIKI & OKAYAMA**

Travelling south via bullet train today, we visit Kurashiki and Okayama. Known for its historical quarter with centuries-old buildings and beautiful canals, Kurashiki is where we will spend the morning, followed by an afternoon in nearby Okayama at the famous Korakuen gardens and Okayama Castle.







# 13 SHIGARAKI

We escape the crowds today via chartered bus into the countryside to Shigaraki, which is japan's oldest pottery producing area and the birthplace of the tea ceremony in Japan. We visit a tea plantation and learn how Japan's first organic green tea plantation was born. A visit to the Miho museum followed by the unique kilns of Shigaraki and some essential shopping time before heading back to Kyoto for our Farewell









#### 14 KYOTO - Departure Day

Departure day - After breakfast, Juliane will assist you with your transfers for further travel in Japan or your flight home.

End of Tour....



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